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- 1. NORTH KOREAN LOUD SPEAKERS RESUMED PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS ALONG FULL LENGTH DMZ AT 2000 HOURS JANUARY 23 AFTER TWO AND ONE HALF YEAR HIATUS. BROADCASTING FROM AN ESTIMATED 40 TO 62 LOUD SPEAKERS HAS CONTINUED UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME.
- 2. CONTENT OF ALL BROADCASTS HAS BEEN ESSENTIALLY THE SAME. PRINCIPLE POINTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: NORTH OPPOSES THE NATIONAL REFERENDUM TO BE HELD IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN MID FEBRUARY; THE NORTH DID NOT SEND MUN SE-KWANG TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT PARK IN AUGUST; THE TUNNEL INCIDENT WHICH HAS BEEN RAISED BY THE SOUTH IS A TOTAL FABRICATION; THE SOUTH HAS NOT REPORTED THE TRUTH WITH REGARD TO THE SOUTH/NORTH DIALOGUE. BROADCASTS ALSO MADE POINT THAT SOUTH WAS INITIAL VIOLATOR OF JULY 4, 1972 COMMUNIQUE WHICH CALLED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR SOUTH/NORTH COOPERATION AND RULED OUT

PROPAGANDA BROADCASTING; SOUTH ITSELF INITIATED BROADCASTS ON NOVEMBER 23 AND 30 AND CURRENT NORTHERN BROADCASTS WERE BEING UNDERTAKEN AS RETALIATION. (COMMENT: THIS IS CORRECTION OF INITIAL REPORT RECEIVED FROM ROKS AND CONTAINED IN REF MESSAGE THAT BROADCASTS WERE DECLARING SOUTH/NORTH JULY COMMUNIQUE INVALID.)

3. ROKG TAKING RESUMPTION BROADCASTS SERIOUSLY. CHARGE WAS CALLED TO JANUARY 24 EVENING BRIEFING SESSION FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS CONDUCTED BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WHO TERMED BROADCASTS A GRAVE VIOLATION JULY 4 COMMUNIQUE. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID SOUTH WOULD NOT RESPOND TO NORTHERN BROADCASTS AND HOPED NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE WOULD CONTINUE. ERICSON

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